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1. LETTER ON SUBJECT FROM SEC SIMON TO MIN OHIRA HAND DELIVERED TO MAKOTO UTSUMI, MOF DIR INTL ORGNS DIV. MOF WELL AWARE OF IMPORTANCE U.S. PLACES ON "EXCESSIVE" IMF/IBRD SALARY ADJUSTMENTS. UTSUMI PROMISED TO CONVEY LETTER TO VM YOSHIDA AND MINFIN OHIRA.

2. FINATT STRESSED U.S. HAS BEEN OPPOSED TO GRANTING ANY SALARY INCREASE. NEVERTHELESS SEC SIMON WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT AS A BASIS FOR COMPROMISE A MORE MODEST COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE PATTERNED AFTER CCG. ALSO STRESSED PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH ON DOMESTIC EFFORTS TO HOLD DOWN WAGE INCREASES AND NEED FOR SIMILAR EFFORT ON IMF/IBRD SALARIES.

3. UTSUMI WELL AWARE OF PREVIOUS YEAR'S LETTERS FROM
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SEC SIMON TO MINFIN, AND RECENT CONVERSATION WITH SENIOR TREAS

OFFICIAL, URGING WAGE RESTRAINT, EMPHASIZED
THAT IMF DIR KAWAGUCHI HAS WIDE DISCRETION ON SUCH MATTER
AND THAT NARROWING DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN JAPANESE AND IMF
SALARIES MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR IMF/IBRD TO ATTRACT
JAPANESE FOR STAFF POSITIONS. THIS DUE TO FACT THAT ON
SHORT ASSIGNMENTS JAPANESE USUALLY LEAVE FAMILY AT HOME
AND THEREFORE HAVE TWO HOUSEHOLDS TO SUPPORT. UTSUMI
HOWEVER CONCEDED TO FINATT THAT FEAR OF BEING PASSED OVER
IN PROMOTIONS AT HOME WAS ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACTOR WHY
JAPANESE RELUCTANT TO TAKE TOURS OF DUTY AT IMF/IBRD.

4. FINATT NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT KAWAGUCHI WILL BE
INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT SEC SIMON POSITION.
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